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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Registration Branch Business Process Group

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SUBJECT: BUSINESS PROCESS GROUP ACTIVITIES

First, I would like to personally thank all of the group members for dedicating their time and effort and for having the interest to participate in this process. Since the group is composed of both industry representatives and registration staff, I am confident that the products of this workgroup will improve working relationships with the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) stakeholders and generate innovative change to current business practices.

The following overall goals of the group embody several departmental priorities that are of utmost interest to registrants, public stakeholders, and DPR.

- Develop and effect changes in product registration to streamline departmental activities
 resulting in faster decision making and licensing of new and amended pesticide products.
 Increased access to registration information (i.e., registration tracking system, pesticide data
 index) should be a byproduct of these changes.
- 2. Promote and utilize current and future technology to support decision making and reduce manual processing of product and study data. Electronic submissions, e-commerce, and better use of electronic tracking may be a part of this goal.
- Create new training opportunities for stakeholders to enhance the quality of product and data submissions. These include online training, increased availability of information, and handson workshops.
- 4. Develop access to information that makes the registration process and Department priorities more understandable and transparent to stakeholders.

I look forward to this collaboration and exchange of ideas in making long- and short-term improvements to the process. Once again, thank you for your participation in looking at business processes which can assist both the applicant and DPR's registration process.

